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The meeting was called to order at 10.35 a.m.

Agenda item 94: Sustainable development and international economic cooperation *(continued)*

(d) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership *(continued)*

Draft resolutions on high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (A/C.2/55/L.8 and L.37)

1. **The Chairman** introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.37, which had been drafted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.8.

2. *Draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.37 was adopted.*

3. *Draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.8 was withdrawn.*

4. **The Chairman** said that the Committee had completed its consideration of agenda item 94 (d).

Agenda item 95: Environment and sustainable development *(continued)*

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa *(continued)*

Draft resolutions on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (A/C.2/55/L.14 and L.34)

5. **Mr. Hanif** (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.34, which had been drafted by consensus on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.14, and recommended its adoption.

6. **Ms. Kelley** (Secretary of the Committee), outlining the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.34, said that under paragraph 15 of the draft provision for the sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies would be made in the proposed calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for the biennium 2002-2003, in accordance with the practice established by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/115. The full cost of conference services for the sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies during the biennium 2002-2003 was estimated at $2,123,900. That amount would be financed by means of appropriations under section 2 — General Assembly affairs and conference services — of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, not only in respect of sessions already scheduled at the time the budget had been established, but also in respect of those which might be authorized at a later date, provided that the number and distribution of the sessions corresponded to the calendar of conferences of recent years. Consequently, if the General Assembly decided to adopt draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.34, conference servicing costs for the sessions of the Conference of the Parties would be covered under section 2 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

7. *Draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.34 was adopted.*

8. **Ms. Serwer** (United States of America) said her delegation took it that draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.34 had no programme budget implications during the current biennium, but was concerned about the budgetary implications it might have for conference servicing during the next biennium.

9. *Draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.14 was withdrawn.*

10. **The Chairman** announced that the Committee had completed its consideration of agenda item 95 (e).

The meeting rose at 10.50 a.m.